

126. The method of claim 124, wherein said piezoelectric component provides vibrational motion along a central axis of said tool.

127. The method of claim 126, wherein said vibrational motion has a frequency of about 500 Hz.

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128. A method for developing a bore in a living bone, comprising:
providing a tool having a central axis, a cutting edge at a lowermost end, and an engaging surface above said cutting edge for compacting said living bone;
providing a driving mechanism capable of producing vibrational motion along said central axis;
coupling said driving mechanism to said tool; and
powering said driving mechanism while engaging said living bone with said cutting edge.
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129. The method of claim 128, wherein said driving mechanism includes a piezoelectric device.

130. The method of claim 128, wherein said powering said driving mechanism includes applying electrical power to said piezoelectric device at a selective frequency and amplitude.--

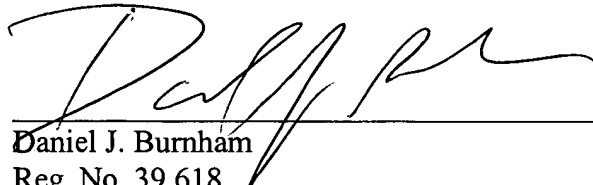
REMARKS

Claims 90-130 remain in the application for prosecution. Claims 116-130 have been added. The Applicant believes the new claims are allowable over the prior art of record.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicant respectfully submits that the claims now presented in this application are in condition for allowance.

If there are any matters which may be resolved or clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the Applicant's undersigned attorney at the number indicated.

Respectfully submitted,



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